(a) whether the production of oilseeds and pulses falls short of its requirement;

(b) if so, the actual production and consumption of these crops at present; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to increase their production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per assessment made by the Working Group on Demand and Supply Projections for the 8th Five Year Plan, the demand for pulses during 1990-91 was estimated to be about 15 to 16 million tonnes against the likely production of about 14 million tonnes. The demand for edible oils for 1990-91 was estimated to be about 5.82 million tonnes against the production of 5.0. million tonnes for the year.

(c) The schemes to increase the production of oilseeds and pulses under implementation, at present, are as follows;-

(i) Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP).

(ii) National Pulses Development Programme (NPDP).

(iii) Special foodgrain production Programme (SFPP) - Pulses.

Pak Links of Asiawatch Report

2750. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item regarding Pak Links of Asiawatch report appearing in the Times of India dated January 29, 1992;

(b) if so, the facts of the case; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PARLAIMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A criminal case on illegal activities of obtaining large amount from foreign countries through illegal means for use by the banned terrorist outfits of Jammu and Kashmir and for conveying terrorist and subversive plans to them was registered by Delhi Police at Chandni Mahal Police Station, Delhi vide FIR No. 53/91 dated 25/03/91.

The case has been entrusted to Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). Some persons have been arrested by Delhi Police and CBI.

Drama Therapy for mentally Retarded and handicapped Persons

2751. DR. RAVI MALLU: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Union government has been drawn to the successful Drama therapy method used for handling and training of mentally retarded and handicapped persons recently organised in Delhi by the premier social institution 'SAMADHAN' in collaboration with British Institute of Drama Therapy and National School of Drama.

(b) whether the government have any plan to start similar Drama Therapy programmes for the mentally retarded and handicapped persons; and